

Remarks

Entry of the above-noted amendments, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of all claims pending are respectfully requested. By this amendment, claim 21 is canceled. These amendments to the claims constitute a bona fide attempt by applicants to advance prosecution of the application and obtain allowance of certain claims, and are in no way meant to acquiesce to the substance of the rejections. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added. Claims 1, 4-8, 10-16, 18, 20, and 22-23 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 1-8, 10-16, 18, 20, 22, and 23 were allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge this indication of allowability.


Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed towards non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is moot in view of the cancelation of claim 21.

Withdrawal of the § 101 rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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